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Serial Data Interface System And Method Using A Selectively

**Accessed Tone Pattern Generator** 

Inventors:

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- 1. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
- 2. Form PTO/SB/08B (1 sheet);
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